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A Great Month For The United States.

Two great American birthdays occur in the month of February.

Those of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln commemorate in these personalities the finest ideals of our nation. They have impressed their meaning, not only in America but in all parts of the world. There is a favorite saying, "First in the hearts of their countrymen." I think it describes the characters of these two men.

Abraham Lincoln was called "Honest Abe," the man of the people. In their youth, both Lincoln and Washington were pioneers.

Before he was nineteen, Washington was a surveyor and woodsman.

At twelve, Lincoln helped to build his log home in the wilderness.

Washington was an aristocrat. His family was one of the wealthiest in the colonies. The forebears of Lincoln were most humble. Do not these boyhoods have a sharp contrast?

One had the best schooling, the other was self-educated. The elements of good leadership and patriotism were the same. They both worked themselves to the highest position in the nation that was possible. Are not these two of the greatest men in the history of our country?

Vivian Cann.

George Washington Jr.

Johnny was the center of an admiring group of boys. He had drawn himself up to his full height, and was saying, "Hm, you don't think my father would care just because I lost his golf balls? Anyway, he won't when I tell him all about it. He'll be so pleased with me because I've told the truth that he'll forget all about them. It's easy, and if George Washington can do it, why can't I?"

So, having convinced the boys, he walked up his own front path, opened and shut the front door with a bang and - - - heard the "sweet" voice of his father in the next room demand loudly, "where in the world are my golf balls? I'll bet that boy knows something about them."

"Oh pa," Johnny had gone into the room, "I was playing with them this afternoon, and they got lost somehow. I'm sorry, but honest, I didn't mean to. I-I just borrowed them," he add lamely. Silence for a moment, and then the father blazed forth. "Sorry, you look it. You had no business meddling with my things. You march right upstairs, to bed, young man and if-! "But father," weakly pleaded Johnny. "You do as I tell you," was the answer. And Johnny did.

Marion Webb.

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Dramatic Club

The Dramatic Club of the Briscoe School is under the supervision of Miss Harrison and Miss McCurdy. Those who were not chosen by Miss Harrison and Miss McCurdy were placed on a waiting list. The officers chosen were as follows:

Josephine Carbone, President
Lydia Jordan, Vice-President
Robert Story, Treasurer
Mary Adams, Secretary

The first play, The Bird's Christmas Carol, by the Dramatic Club, which was held on December 21, 1926, was a great success. The play was given in the Briscoe School Hall, at 3:45 p.m. and each pupil was charged five cents admission. We all hope to have more and better plays in the future.

Mary Adams, Secretary

Art Club

The Art Club has about forty members and it meets every Tuesday at three thirty in Room 20.

The officers are: Alfred Seccombe, president, the vice-president has not been chosen yet, Susan Dennis, secretary, Robert Dillon, treasurer.

The dues are five cents a meeting. The money will be used for paint, brushes, etc. They are now working on painting flower pots. Miss Lyons is the teacher in charge of the Art Club.

Robert Dillon.

Debating Club

The debating club is well on its way, thanks to Mr. Cronin and Mrs. Rudkin. The officers are Robert Fuller, president, Max Rubenstein, vice-president and Dorothy Hatch, secretary and treasurer.

The club has had a few debates such as, "Resolved that a two-session school day is better for Briscoe School children than a one," and that, "The Philippine Islands should have immediate independence."

The object of the debating club is to teach each member of this club the art of debating.

Basketball

Each class in the Briscoe School has two basketball teams, one for the boys, and one for the girls. So far, thirty one games have been played by both girls and boys teams.

The teams who are in the lead are as follows: 8-C-3 girls, 8-G-1 boys, 7-6 girls, and 7-4 and 7-5 boys who are tie.

The sport takes place both noon and night. One week the girls play at noon and the boys at night. The next week it is the opposite. The games are played in the playroom of the school.

Sophie Latinik

Jokes

President in Character Club: Robert, what did you do to help your mother yesterday afternoon? Robert: I went to the movies to get out of her way.

Teacher: Does any one know how to lay bricks?

P-A-2 boy: Just take a little putty.

Lawrence Plummer.

Class Notes

Second Quarter

8 - G - 4

8-G-4 is proud of their record of continuing 100 per cent in banking.

8 - G - 3

8-G-3 played basketball against 8-G-2 last week. We lost, but we expect to do much better next time.

8-G-3 has had 100 p.c. banking seven times this year.

We hope that every person in this building, including the teachers and Mr. Cronin has had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year.

8-G-3 is taking a "journey" to China this quarter.

Louise Porter

8 - G - 2

8-G-2 had 100 per cent in Red Cross 8-G-2 had no tardy marks last month.

We are studying Mexico and the Panama Canal in history.

8 - G - 1

8-G-1 had 100 per cent attendance the week of January 3rd. 8-G-1 beat 8-G-2 in basketball 13 to 2. 8-G-1 beat Commercial 10 to 2. 8-G-1 has two new boys, Frederick Wallis, and Donald Howard.

7 - 5

Miss Coleman is 7-5's new teacher. Greetings are extended to Miss Coleman.

We have enjoyed Mrs. Minigan.

Class Notes

Second Quarter

8 - C - 3

We are all proud of 8-C-3 winning the first basketball game of the season, and we all tried to play our best. It was with 8-C-1 and the first half the score was 8-0. After the game was over the score was 14-4 in favor of 8-C-3. Our team is made up of six girls who are as follows:

Martha Parsons	Forward
Eileen Harrington	"
Evelyn Dumas	Guard
Jennie Consolozio	"
Vanda Dushinski	Center
Rose McDermott	Sub-Center

Vanda Dushinski

Every one in 8-C-3 has his name on the penmanship honor roll.

Our room was the first room in the city to have 100 per cent.

Louis Raneire.

Elizabeth Greenough can type-write faster than any other person of 8-C-3. Her rate is 16.4 words per minute.

Rose McDermott.

8 - C - 2

Basketball 8-C-2 16, 8-G-4, 4
8-C-2 has had 100 per cent in banking for the last six banking days. A trial spelling match was held Dec. 21 between Rooms 201 and 202. Room 202 won the spelling match.

8-C-1

Edna Cole holds first place on the typewriting honor list, she can write 19.3 words a minute.

8-C-1 has had no tardy marks since school started in September. Can you beat it?

8-C-1 has had 100 percent in banking all the school year. We believe in Thrift and we practice it.

Class Notes

Second Quarter

8-C-1

8-C-1 is doing some interesting work in Business Practice. They have been busy this month taking an inventory of the last four months. Some of these members are becoming quite good accountants, they are: Myrtle Berry, Arthur Birarelli, Dorothy Penny, Dorothy Paine, Edna Cole, Serafina Pesce, Mildred Fladger. If you have any business matters to be attended to, give their firm, "The Briscoe Commercial Company" a call and we know you will have "Good Service"

P-A -1 & 2

We have had a hundred per cent in banking all this year, and a hundred per cent membership in the Judior Red Cross.

We have 24 pupils on the penmanship Honor Roll and 22 have extra credits.

Everybody bought a copy of the Briscoe Briefs.

A few of the boys are making boats in the manual training class.

7 - 7

The first basket ball game, held January 10, by the girls of 7 - 6 and 7 - 7 ended in favor of 7 - 6. One hundred per cent in banking last banking day. We have one hundred per cent penmanship position and only two more to get on the honor roll.

7-6

Bertha Popkin has had one hundred per cent in spelling so far this year.

7-3 has formed a health club.

The name of the club is "The Keep Well Club."
The purpose of the club is for talks about health.

Mary Remare.